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dent, District 5, Postal Transporta-  
tion Service, Pittsburgh 19, Pa.;  
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Superintendent, District 8, Chicago  
38, Ill.

Airmail service will be inaugu-  
rated at Fort Dodge, Iowa effective  
on or about July 10 over Route  
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No official cachet for first flight  
covers will be authorized. However,  
souvenir covers received by the  
postmaster will be dispatched to  
first flights if practicable.

Covers for the above flights  
should bear a name and address to  
the right, contain a stuffer, and  
bear 6c in stamps. Send them to  
the respective postmasters or  
AMF's as directed with a request  
for the first flight service on the  
respective routes.

Bargain Offer  
Made In Error

Through an error in the make-up  
department of Linn's Weekly Stamp  
News an obsolete ad of Gimbels  
Stamp Department was placed in  
the July 4 edition. It offered the  
stamps of Israel one lot of which  
was an out and out bargain at the  
price quoted.

This was the "A Complete Collec-  
tion Of Israel" at \$132.50 which at  
today's prices and scarcity of ma-  
terial would be a "steal" even at  
wholesale.

Jacques Minkus of Gimbels ad-  
vises that their offering of such  
collections at that price was com-  
pletely exhausted when the ad ap-  
peared some months ago and that  
due to the terrific world-wide de-  
mand for all kinds of Israeli philatelic  
material, replenishment of stock  
for sale at any price has been  
difficult if not impossible.

The ad has placed the various  
stamp departments throughout the  
nation under Minkus management  
in the undesirable position of not  
being "able to deliver the goods",  
something which rarely ever hap-  
pens. Those who have ordered, or  
are planning to order from the July  
4 ad are advised that the Israel col-  
lection is not available at the price  
quoted which was printed in error.  
Other items in the same ad were  
in very short supply, and could be  
completely sold out after just a  
few purchases.



Aug. 11-14—Preschool Stamp Society Con-  
vention and Exhibition Hotel Bancroft,  
Worcester, Mass.  
Aug. 25-28—Society of Philatelic Americans  
convention-exhibition, Louisville, Ky.  
Sept. 16-18—Oklahoma Philatelic Society,  
Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Hosts are Oklahoma City Stamp Club.  
Sept. 17-18—Mahoning Valley Stamp Club,  
Butler Art Institute Youngstown, Ohio.  
Sept. 21-24—American Philatelic Society  
convention and exhibition, Monticello  
Hotel, Norfolk, Va.  
Sept. 24-25—Philatelic Society of Cincin-  
nati, Sheraton Sinton Hotel, Cincinnati,  
Ohio.  
Sept. 29-30—British North America Phila-  
telic Society, Statler Hotel, Hartford,  
Conn.  
Oct. 7-9—Four State Federation of Stamp  
Clubs, Connor Hotel, Joplin, Mo.  
Oct. 15-16—Clark County Stamp Club, Neal  
Temple O.E.S. Springfield, Ohio.  
Oct. 15-16—Peoria Philatelic Society, Jef-  
ferson Hotel, Peoria, Ill.

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Heart Attack Fells  
Mrs. Johanna Rich

Mrs. Johanna E. Rich, 65, well  
known in stamp circles, died sud-  
denly of a heart attack, on the  
morning of Sunday, June 26. Mrs.  
Rich had recovered fully from an  
illness during the previous winter,  
and was apparently in good health  
up to the moment of the heart  
seizure.

Born in Douglas, Cape of Good  
Hope, Mrs. Rich came to this coun-  
try after her marriage to Stephen  
G. Rich in 1920, when he was living  
in South Africa. She has been a  
collector from the age of 10. In  
the mid-1920's Mrs. Rich went ex-  
tensively in for United States Pre-  
cancels, and at one time had the  
third largest collection in this field,  
with over 40,000 items.

Mrs. Rich went extensively into  
Topical Collecting in the period  
from 1945 onward. Her special  
fields were sections of the Animal  
Kingdom on Stamps. Her Camels,  
Insects and Dogs are well known  
collections which had taken high  
awards when exhibited.

Mrs. Rich was a life member of  
the Precancel Stamp Society and  
one of the earliest members to join  
the American Topical Association.  
She was a member of the Essex  
Stamp Club of Newark, N. J. and  
of the Women's Philatelic Society  
of New York. Her home in Verona,  
New Jersey, was a gathering place  
for stamp people of various ages  
and interests, right to the end.

She is survived by her husband  
Stephen G. Rich, prominent philatelic  
author, and active as an officer  
and member in the affairs of the  
Society of Philatelic Americans.

Eastern HPO  
Service To Start

The Post Office Department has  
belatedly announced that Highway  
Post Office Service will be inaugu-  
rated between Rochester, N. Y. and  
Williamsport, Pa. on or shortly  
after July 9.

The initial trip from Rochester  
will be designated Trip 1 and the  
initial trip from Williamsport will  
be designated Trip 2.

Special first-trip cachets and  
cancellation stamps will be pro-  
vided at both Rochester and Wil-  
liamsport. Collectors desiring first-  
trip cancellations should prepare  
their covers ready for mailing with  
postage prepaid at the first-class  
rate and send them to the post-  
masters as follows: Covers for Trip  
1 to Rochester; Covers for Trip 2  
to Williamsport.

A clear space not less than 2 1/2  
by 2 1/2 inches to the left on the ad-  
dress side of all covers must be  
left for application of cachet. Also  
1 1/2 inches of clear space should be  
provided to the left of the inner-  
most postage stamp or 4 inches to  
left of the right edge of cover,  
whichever is greater, for applica-  
tion of postmark impression.

In order that cachet will not over-  
lap the postmark impression, 2 1/2  
inches of clear space is needed to  
left of both postmark and address.  
Cachet will not be applied if it will  
overlap postmark impression nor  
will it be applied to the reverse side  
of the cover.

Covers for first-trip cancellation  
should be sent under cover or label  
to appropriate postmaster with let-  
ter or endorsement on label author-  
izing the holding of covers for first  
trip and requesting application of  
first-trip cachet and postmark  
stamp. No provision will be made  
for philatelic handling of covers to  
or from intermediate post offices  
on routes.

All covers will be backstamped at  
outer terminal of route and for-  
warded to destination. Covers  
should be in hands of appropriate  
postmasters not later than July 7.

Less Than 200,000  
Certified Mail FDC's

Figures relative to the first day  
of issue of the new Certified Mail  
15c stamp were released by the  
Post Office Department. This had  
its first day of issue at Washing-  
ton, D. C. on June 6.

There were 176,308 covers can-  
celled and 247,069 stamps sold. The  
latter figure represents stamps sold  
at the main Washington post office  
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Music Festival,  
Trade Union Sets

May 12 was the first day of issue  
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are topical in nature—one is for the  
International Music Festival in the  
"Spring of 1955" at Prague, the  
other for the Third Congress of the  
Trade Union Revolutionary  
Movement (ROH).



Designs of the former are sym-  
bolical intended to portray Spring  
and Music. Each of the female  
figures holds a different stringed  
instrument.

Denominations and colors are 30  
halers black and blue, and 1Kcs.  
black and rose. The second color  
is a tint applied to the paper from  
photogravure plates.

Karel Svobinsky designed both  
items while the engraving was per-  
formed by Jindra Schmidt. Print-  
ing was in sheets of 50.



A foundry worker is to be seen on  
the 30h violet of the ROH set. A  
45h in green depicts a wife and  
husband members of the Agricul-  
tural Cooperative.

Bohumila Dolezalova is respon-  
sible for the artwork on both. Bed-  
rich Housa did the engraving on  
the 30h and Bohdan Roule the 45h.

Graham President  
At Columbus, Ohio

Richard B. Graham is the new  
president of the Columbus, Ohio  
Philatelic Club, he assuming office  
with his new official family the  
first meeting in July. Dr. D. L. Tip-  
pett is the vice president; Hartford  
Bradbury, treasurer; Karl W.  
Scheffler, secretary and editor of  
the club's bulletin, 946 Bryden Rd.,  
Columbus 5, Ohio.

There will be but one meeting in  
each of the summer months, but  
in the fall the regular schedule of  
a session on the first and third Fri-  
days at the Southern Hotel will re-  
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Barbados, #208	.82	St. Helena, #122	.40	Seychelles, #126	.40
Bermuda, #121,	.50	111-113, 120	.38	#127	.40
scarce 3d	.50	Great Britain, #276-279,	.40	#132	.40
Burma, #51-62	.75	U.P.U.	.40	#137	.40
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**CHEVREMONT**  
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695?), with the castle of Chevremont in the background. Note the square towers. The story of St. Begga is a tragic one, yet so typical of the grim period in which she lived.  
Begga, daughter of Pepin of Landen, Mayor of the Palace, and of St. Ita (Ida) of Nivelles, was born in Brabant. She became the wife of Ansegise, a younger son of Arnulf, the Bishop of Metz who co-operated with Pepin in the government of Austrasia. It will be remembered that the Merovingian kings who were the nominal rulers were mere puppets, tools of the Mayors of the Palace.

Ansegise and Begga were happily married, though for a time childless. One day, while returning from a hunting trip, Ansegise found a child crying in front of his castle wall, hungry and abandoned. Taking pity on the foundling, Ansegise carried him into his house and cared for him. He was named Gondowin and baptized under that name.

Shortly thereafter, a son was born to Ansegise and Begga. They named him after Begga's father, Pepin. This child was destined to become known and famous as Pepin of Herstal, whose likeness is pictured on Belgium (Scott type SP236). Pepin of Herstal's private domain is said to have included all of modern Belgium, and was the foundation of the extensive empire his great-grandson Charlemagne, who is pictured on Belgium type SP237, was later to acquire.

One day, while hunting in the depths of the forest, Ansegise was pursued by Gondowin, ambushed and foully murdered. His crime was witnessed by a few faithful retainers who fled to Chevremont and informed Begga of Gondowin's infamy. It seems that Gondowin hoped, by getting Ansegise out of the way, to persuade Begga to marry him and thereby gain control of Chevremont and its domains. This tragedy took place in 673.

Grief-stricken and fearing for her own safety, Begga fled for refuge to her relatives who lived at Hesbaye (German, Haspengau), between the Meuse and Sambre Rivers. A beautiful little legend is told about a hind appearing to Begga, and showing her just where the Vesdre could be crossed with safety. While visiting her relatives, Begga determined to devote her remaining days to the service of God.

Pepin, who had been away while these momentous events occurred, lost no time in setting after Gondowin to avenge his father's murder. He soon caught up with the ingrate and cut off Gondowin's head. In the meantime, Begga journeyed to Rome and upon her return lived at Andenne on the Meuse. Like her sister Gertrude, the saintly Abbess of Nivelles, Begga founded a convent (692), which she ruled as Abbess until her death in 694 or 695.

Father Jerome, in the present century, revived the long-forgotten memory of St. Begga by placing a statue of her in the left nave of the Basilica of Chevremont, and by encouraging pilgrims to venerate it. She is invoked against rheumatism and childhood diseases.

During the Carolingian period the fortress of Chevremont enjoyed a reputation for impregnability, a sort of "Verdun of the Middle Ages." When the Normans ravaged Belgium in 881, the remains of St. Gudule were taken to Chevremont for safety. Ten years later the monks of Stavelot brought the remains of St. Remacle here to save them from the marauding Scandinavians.

During the 10th century Chevremont fell into the hands of Immon, a lord who plundered and terrorized the countryside at will. But he failed to reckon with the doughty Notger, Prince-Bishop of Liege (978-1008), who is depicted on Belgium SP246.

Notger became Bishop of Liege in 978 and labored for years to establish peace and order in his diocese. Immon was a thorn in the side of the Bishop, who resolved to dispose of him according to the fashion of the times. Fortune favored Notger.

One day in the year 986 he was invited to visit Chevremont for the purpose of giving the sacrament of

baptism to the newly-born son of Immon. Notger arrived at the castle with a long procession of priests and monks, piously chanting psalms. The gates of the castle were thrown open to allow the procession to enter.

Once they were assembled in the courtyard, the Bishop's men shed their vestments, drew their swords, and proceeded to slaughter the inmates. Immon threw himself from the walls and died on the rocks below. The castle was razed to the ground. Everything of value, including the altars, statues and sacramental vessels of the churches, were removed to Aix-la-Chapelle and Liege. Nothing was left on the deserted summit of Chevremont except piles of ruined masonry. Thus the hill was to remain for seven long centuries, the lair of robbers and brigands.

Sometime prior to 1688 a crude, frail Oratory to the Virgin was erected near the summit of Chevremont by English Jesuits who had been expelled from their native land, and who had settled in Belgium early in the 17th century. This crude little affair was built of stones without mortar; also without permission of the Bishop! The Jesuits used it as an oratory for their retreat-house at Heid-du-Loup, only a short distance away.

The State Archives at Liege ("Dispatches", Registry No. 54, folio 286, verso) contain a petition to the Bishop of Liege, dated September 14, 1688, asking his permission to rebuild the little oratory, which even then was in danger of collapse. Permission was granted, and that portion of the present chapel which is used as the choir was erected. It was enlarged in 1697 by the addition of a porch, built on the spot where pilgrims pray today.

By 1717, when it was rebuilt and renovated, the chapel had already become renowned as the center of a devotion to Our Lady, a cult which embraced Liege and its environs. Thousands of pilgrims came here every year to pray before the image.

Although the nearby Basilica of Our Lady was ruined in World War II, the Chapel of Our Lady, in which the miracle-working image of the Virgin of Chevremont is enshrined, escaped with negligible damage. The chapel is pictured in the background of the 3.15 franc plus 2.85 franc value of the 1948 series.



In the foreground of this stamp is the famous Virgin of Chevremont, the particular object of veneration of the populace of Liege and the surrounding countryside for more than two-and-one-half centuries. Its origin is unknown, although Brasseur claims it to be the work of a Chartreuse monk of Liege, who made about ten of them.

In former days the image was gilded and painted. Many miracles have during the course of the centuries been attributed to the intercession of the Virgin of Chevremont. The image of the Virgin is enshrined in an altar standing in the chapel, and protected by an iron grill. This grill, while not detectable on the stamp, encloses one end of the chapel.

On September 9, 1923 the image of the Virgin was the object of

solemn coronation ceremonies which took place on the plateau of Chevremont, witnessed by a throng of 40,000 of her faithful followers.



The 1.35 franc plus 1.35 franc pictures the Carmelite Basilica of the Virgin which crowns the plateau. The Basilica is of recent origin, dating from 1877, when its cornerstone was laid by Msgr. Montpelier, Bishop of Liege. The Carmelites installed themselves a year later in the adjoining convent.

Work on the Basilica, a triple-naved church, continued for 22 years. On September 8, 1899, Msgr. Doutreloux, who was at that time Bishop of Liege, consecrated the edifice.

On August 4, 1914 a Belgian officer ordered the Carmelites to evacuate their monastery. All the fathers left, but when a few hours later the order was countermanded, they returned. Belgian soldiers began digging trenches and constructing an observation post on the hill. Two days later German shells fell on Liege. On the 7th German and Belgian artillery engaged in a duel, their shells passing over Chevremont for the most part although a few landed in the vicinity.

But on the 11th of August the monastery itself became the target of German fire. When the barrage was over the monks emerged from the cellars to which they had fled for safety. They viewed the wreckage with horror!

Part of the roof was torn open, the library was a shambles. Most severe, however, was the damage to the Basilica itself. Part of the vaulting had given way, the roof was ruined, and all the beautiful stained glass windows were shattered.

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## New Discoveries Can Be Made

One of the thrills of stamp collecting is to make a new discovery. To find and record something that has heretofore been unknown. More new discoveries could be made if the average collector realized the importance of carefully looking at and examining his stamps. This is not so true of modern stamps and not so necessary with modern issues as with many of the earlier ones. The crude methods of printing the early stamps in comparison with the modern allowed much more chance for minor errors which result in a minor variety.



GEORGE W. LINN

It is of course true that modern stamp printing methods do allow of much possibility for errors or varieties to turn up but they are more apt to be found and recorded today than 75 to 100 years ago for in those days the world was just as big, places were much farther apart by time, and there were a smaller number of collectors to watch and be on guard to find new things.

Today, few of the many collectors ever get back into early issues, so that the chance for discoveries in the early stamps are just about as plentiful as ever.

The discovery I have recently made is in South Australia. I have been looking over catalogues and books on these stamps and find that the printers of the South Australian early stamps made many errors. That is many that are recorded. Those that are recorded would lead one to believe that there are perhaps many more that have been overlooked. We find several different of the early South Australians listed as printed on both sides. That seemed to be a common fault with the printers.

What we have found is something different. It is a double printing of the 1 shilling red brown, Scott No. 52. There is a shift of fully one half mm. showing clearly in all of the wording on the stamp. Anyone with good eyesight can see it without the aid of a glass.

I find no other South Australian double print in these early stamps listed by either Scott or Gibbons but there is mention of a 1 shilling in this issue with a partial double print.

It seems evident therefore that this is a new variety heretofore unlisted and perhaps a unique item.

It is peculiar how one will find such pieces. I have had this stamp for several years. It was on an approval card in a cabinet in which I keep stamps filed by countries. I was mounting up a lot of British Colonial issues to send to the A.P.S. Sales Department and when I came to the South Australian cards I looked over the stamps with a glass to note their condition. It was then that the double print on this stamp was noticed.

## Centerport Local Bites The Dust

Word is at hand from Frederick P. Schmitt of Centerport, N. Y. that the Post Office Department has liquidated his Local Stamp. Mr. Schmitt gives some explanation of the reason for the order which closed out his Local, but we have difficulty in understanding just what has happened and just why the use of the Local Stamp has been ordered discontinued. Therefore we shall not attempt to make any explanation.

If our information is correct, it was first used on June 26, 1954. The first day use should become a very worthwhile cover as the establishment of the Local Service was unquestionably sanctioned by the Post Office Department and thus the service was legitimate and legal. Just why it was closed down is not clear to us except that we understand that Mr. Schmitt was not successful in getting any of the town people to use his service and that the only use of it was on covers which were ordered from Mr. Schmitt through the mail by collectors. If this is correct then it is evident that there was no legitimate need or reason for the service and as a result, it was closed out by the Department.

Mr. Schmitt seems to believe that the closing of his Local Post is just the beginning and that others of a similar nature may expect to be closed out. This however will depend perhaps on just what these other Local operators may be able to show in the way of service that they have rendered as the Postal Laws provide for these Local Posts and if operated within the law it would be difficult to see how they could be closed out without good reason.

## "MATCH"

The above appears to be the name of a publication issued in Paris, France. It is a publication along the lines of our Look, or Life Magazines although not so profuse with heavy advertising. The Publication being in French is such that we do not read it, yet we do find that in the issue of the 15 au 22 January there is a very extensive story, or article on Stamps and Stamp Collecting. Besides four pages in reading with some black and white illustrations there is also a section of eight pages in color. Stamps picturing King Fuad and King Farouk are featured on the first page, even down to the final issue with the "bars". The other pages are devoted to stamps of all the world, one of which is of course the Lindbergh airmail stamp. Unlike the article on stamps in Life which stressed the great rarities of the world, this article does not deal with such stamps although we are able to note that Mr. Sperati is mentioned in the story accompanying the pictures. There is a page devoted to War issues, a couple pages for notable women, two pages on airmail issues and a page of interesting topicals such as animals, insects, fish, flowers and plants.

It is our opinion that this type of approach will do more good for stamp collecting than the approach along the line of world rarities. Such propaganda would seem to deter rather than encourage one to become interested in stamp collecting.

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## A Postal Card Is Shoved Around

George H. Phillips

The postal service in modern times apparently does not have much trouble in finding even the small post offices now located in South Dakota, but an old postcard which recently came into my possession has nine cancellations, and indicates that the delivery of mail has not always been easy.

The card is addressed to Herman Hoeft, Gem, S. Dak., and was written by his brother August, and mailed in Tigerton, Wisconsin. The message is dated May 24, but the first postmark is May 25, 1898.

Gem, to which the card was addressed, was situated in Brown County southeast of the present city of Aberdeen, or about two and one-half miles northeast of Stratford. It was established on February 26, 1883, and discontinued on November 11, 1896.

On February 28, 1898, it was re-established, but was eventually discontinued on June 18, 1900. It was never a town, but was a farm post office, or country store, such as was common in those days.

Someone, probably near the point of dispatch, mistook Gem for Glen, for the card shows a postmark of Glen dated May 28. Glen, long since discontinued, was in Jerauld County, in the east central part of the state, and about 100 miles or more south of Gem. The mail must have gone by stage, because Glen was an inland town, and it must have been forwarded on the same stage, to the nearby larger town of Crow Lake, in the same county. Crow Lake was also an inland town. Thus, the third postmark is that of Crow Lake, May 28.

It took the postmaster at Crow Lake three days to decide what to do with the card, for it bears another Crow Lake postmark this one dated May 31, 1898. Anyway, the card was dispatched to White Lake, which is about twenty miles south of where Crow Lake was, and White Lake is on a railroad. The White Lake postmark for May 31 appears in the upper left on the reverse side, and is a "Rec'd." mark.

On June 2 the card received another postmark, this time at Groton, which apparently was where it should have gone in the first place, inasmuch as the address says "Via Groton." Groton is about twenty miles north of the site of Gem, in the same county. The Groton postmaster, however, sent the card to Warner, which is about twenty miles west of the site of Gem. Here it was postmarked with a "Reg." postmark dated June 6.

The card remained in Warner for exactly a week, when it was again postmarked "Warner" on June 13, this time on the lower left of the back side.

The final postmark is that of Groton, dated June 14. Nine postmarks in a period of twenty days from six different post offices! And two of the South Dakota towns

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1069—Soo Locks 3c, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., June 28.

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which applied the postmarks are "ghost" post offices. Too bad the card never received a postmark at Gem.

But saddest of all, as a friend translates the German language message on the card: August wanted Herman to meet him at Ferney, S. D., some twenty miles east of Gem, on the 8th of June!

Postal history is fascinating, and it is the little "Gems" like this that add to the enjoyment of collecting. The card was given to me by Herman Hoeft, son of the man to whom it was addressed, and holds a prominent part in my collection of South Dakota postal history items.

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BY CARL P. RUETH

Once you slip past the abundance of wordage in the design of the June 28 Soo Locks commem you find a better than average item. This is one of those happening every once in a while to be enjoyed with the naked eye as well as with magnification. In fact, I'd recommend you put your magnifying glasses on this one and give it a nice look.

Probably the greatest assets it possesses are the excellence of the blue, and the fine quality of the engraving which is especially notable in the delineation of the water. The Soo Lock stamp will undoubtedly bring nostalgic memories to those who have been on vacation at the Great Lakes, or riding their surfaces in a boat and watching the big lake carriers pass by all hours of the day and night. The commem scene is typical.

This makes two good ones in a row for the Post Office Department—the Great Stone Face, and the Soo Locks.

1. The Hoover Dam is named as what dam on a United States commem?
2. In the regular issues of 1922-26 and the 1938 Presidentials, on which denominations did president Benjamin Harrison appear?

The LaSalle County Stamp Club of Ottawa, Ill. are hard at work already whooping it up for a commem in 1958. They want one on or near August 21 of that year because it will be the centennial of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates one of which was staged in Ottawa. They're looking for support from all stamp clubs and other interested persons and organizations who are urged to support the plea to the POD.

The Boy Scout Merit Badge discussions in several columns past have certainly brought in interesting letters pro and con. A different viewpoint which is worthy of reproduction comes in a letter from Robert G. Pippitt of Dayton, Ohio. He writes—

"I would like to comment on your note concerning the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge in U. S. Notes for 27 June 1955.

"As a former Boy Scout, my understanding of many of the merit badge requirements is that they are informative in nature. Some badges such as safety, personal health, camping, etc. are skills or knowledge any good outdoorsman-citizen should have. Other badges give these young men an opportunity to learn good recreational habits, or about possible career opportunities.

"In the interest of our hobby, I do not believe we should try to require evidence of a serious or permanent interest in philately. Rather, we should give all the Scouts ample opportunity to learn about our hobby without frightening them away with stringent requirements. Thus, all the Scouts with the temperament or interest for becoming collectors will do so. We should require only the knowledge of proper handling of stamps so that they will not inadvertently destroy them and only enough collecting to acquaint them with the hobby.

"I have recently re-read the requirements and feel they are excellent in the light of the above thinking, even if these requirements are just barely met."

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## SPECIAL EDITIONS

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The next four editions of a special nature are as follows:—  
**July 25—International Ryukyu Stamp and Coin Society.**

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While the United States and the United Nations Post Office Departments have at times given first days of issue to postal stationery, I have a hunch they'd like to skip such inaugurals completely.

What makes it so difficult is the fact that all the names and addresses have to be typed on at the first day post office where the new piece is to be released, and that takes an awful lot of help. The U. S. POD has restricted the first day covers which could be gotten of postal stationery to only so many per person, but even so the task is a first class headache.

I'd like to suggest to the USPOD and the UNPOD an idea which would make postal stationery first day covers an even easier task to handle than the debut of a new stamp.

Let us say for instance a new aerogramme was to be released on September 30. As early as September 10, the Department could begin the sale to collectors who would be required to send in the full remittance and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of their purchase.

When received, the collector would place his name and address on the aerogramme, fold it correctly to size, seal it and then mail it back to the postmaster of the first day city for cancellation on the first day of issue, September 30.

The Department then would run them through the cancelling machines. All the post office would need is men to operate the machines, eliminating the half hundred or more temporary employees of two or three weeks which are usually hired to affix a new stamp to the prepared envelopes of collectors for first day treatment, or in the case of stationery, to type on names and addresses.

I feel definitely certain that collectors would be willing to do this for themselves and gain a first day cover of a postal stationery item not possible before.

It can't throw a monkey-wrench into the post offices because employees can be instructed not to accept for mailing any of the new aerogrammes until after the first day. They get such instructions now relative to the sale of commemorations which are sent to them prior to the first day.

Under the present established cataloging set-up only those pieces which are cancelled on the correct date, at the official first day city, are good. Anything else is a freak and worth nothing as a cover.

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1. Boulder Dam.
2. On the 1922-26 the 13c; the Prexy the 24c.

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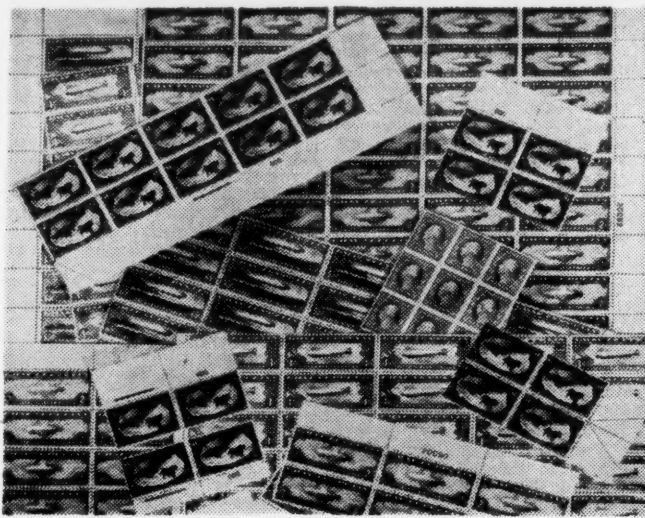
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### News From The Three Germanies

A. Niven

#### All Is Hush Hush

In contrast to the policy pursued by the government literally "on the other side of the street", West Berlin believes in the suppression of speculative tendencies in its stamp issues. Coupled with enormously increased printings in the Federal Republic (last commemorative for 1955 printed between 10 and 25 million copies) West Berlin has stopped the pre-release publication of its stamp editions.

Consequently it is no longer possible to repeat the cornering of Berlin stamps, as was attempted successfully in the case of the "Postilion" charity stamp for the 1954 stamp show. In the knowledge that half a million copies only were to be released—the resulting surcharge covering the expenses of organizing the exhibition—speculators moved in, and cornered the entire stock remaining after the first two days.

The exhibition committee got their money in double-quick time, but collectors were dismayed by rapidly rising prices.

Most recent Berlin semipostals, featuring the Motorship "Berlin"—lately the Swedish liner "Gripsholm"—are issued in still to-be-disclosed quantity. Figures put it at between 2½ and 10 million pairs, which is sufficient for most needs. These stamps are, of course, also valid in the Federal Republic.

#### Lufthansa FDC Chaos

Commencing April 1, the German airline "Lufthansa" re-started operations on inner-German routes, but not on the Berlin run across the Soviet Zone, which must, under Allied agreements, continue to be flown by British, French or U. S. planes only. To mark the occasion, the Bonn postal ministry rushed out four excellently designed bi-colored commems depicting the flying heron emblem of the airline in black and white, symbolising the Old and New Lufthansa.

As the airline has not yet set up a public relations organization, there was much divergence in the way these covers were handled. Inquiries were passed from place to place, sendings from abroad were returned as "received too late" or "politically inadmissible" (the

latter from the Saar). There were two special cancels, at Munich and Frankfurt, also showing the Speedbird emblem of the airline; on the stamps it faces left, on the postmarks right! Take your choice.

Advertisements placed by Luft-hansa in British newspapers also show the bird flying right (towards the East), so there seems to be a good deal of latitude in this respect.

Covers should be in good supply, as one firm of dealers in West Germany dispatched not less than 7000 FDC's, and there were many others with similar quantities. These stamps are not airmail stamps proper, as they are valid for the carriage of mail other than airmail, and an airmail label must still be used in conjunction with them.

#### Unknown "Legion" Stamp

For the first time in the Western Hemisphere I can reproduce the design of a stamp which has been the cause of a lot of trouble in Germany. It is the top value of the well-known "Azad hind" set, prepared for use of the Indian "Legion" in Hitler Germany, and for use in India if Subhas Chandra Bose should have succeeded in "liberating" the country from the allied cause.



The lower values are well-known, and have been circulated extensively since the war's end. But of the top denomination, 1+2 Rupees, only 30,000 were printed, and a dispute arose between the owner of the stock and a speculator to whom he had sold a considerable quantity, and who found that it was not as easy to "realize" his investment as he claimed to have been led to believe.

The court to whom the case was taken considered itself unable, however, to adjudicate on the legal status of the stamp, and the matter was eventually dropped. These stamps are very uncommon, and my photograph (one of an imperforated block of 4) shows the picture by the graphic artists Von Axter-Heudtluss, who designed a number of other Hitler stamps for Germany.

A whistery Sikh wearing a turban

carries the flag of India, inscribed "Azad Hind" with, in the middle, a leaping tiger. The banner bearer is flanked by two Legionnaires wearing the typical caps of the German auxiliaries; the whole design is framed by two swords, and printed in black, green and orange.

### FIPEX Cancellation Definitely Possible

The International Flower Show which was to have shared the honor of opening the fabulous New York Coliseum in March 1956 with the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition, (FIPEX) has cancelled out.

According to information carried in the New York Herald-Tribune and forwarded by John P. Sabroe, reason was the fact that the Coliseum would not be completed by March and that a later date would not be suitable.

Progress on its construction was set back considerably when some weeks ago on May 9 the main exhibition floor collapsed while concrete was being poured with death to one man and injury to 51.

This will also affect FIPEX dates. Whether the stamp show will cancel out, or accept later dates is not known. It is felt that exhibitions in any but the colder months of the year are not financially successful.

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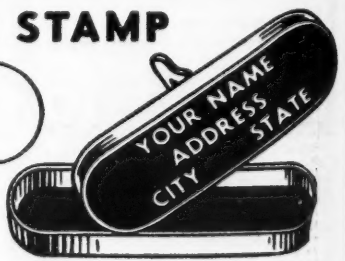
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CANADA. On August 20 Canada will release a 5c stamp to commemorate the International Boy Scout Jamboree, which will open at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. The stamp will be in two colors, green and gold and will probably be in demand all over the world.

NEW ZEALAND. Although over five million of each value were issued of the 1950 Health stamps (#B36-37), showing Prince Charles, the demand has been so large that they are quite scarce. Both wholesale and retail prices have advanced, but they are still available here at a low price.

This also applies to the 1952 set (B40-41) showing Princess Anne and Princes Charles. Prices of both sets are due for a further advance.

INDIA. Although this country is no longer a part of the British Empire, many collectors keep up with the stamps of India as part of their British Empire collection. The attractive Postal Centenary set, issued on October 1, 1954 is popular and in demand. Fynden in Stamp Collecting (London) gives this set as his week's Good "FYND".

NYASALAND. Do not overlook the three Elizabeth stamps perforated 12 x 12 1/2, issued in March 1954. The values are 1/2d, 2d and 6d. These stamps were prepared specially for coils, but some were released also in sheet form. They have advanced considerably in price, but will probably go higher, due to scarcity.

NEWFOUNDLAND. The Do X stamp C12 and the Balbo C18 are both high priced, but should go higher. There were only about 8000 of each issued, which is small for airmail stamps from a popular country. They are both still available here at around \$30 each, if you can find them.

BERMUDA. The 1938 ten shilling stamp #126A is scarce and not easy to locate. Gibbons' price is 22 Pounds and Scott's Catalogue price is \$55. A mint copy sold at a recent London auction sale for nine Pounds and 15 shillings (\$27.30)

NORTH BORNEO. One of the rare stamps of North Borneo is #54, a surcharged stamp 6c on 8c green, priced by Scott at \$500, and by Gibbons at 120 Pounds (\$336). Evidently both catalogues are too high, as

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## Maryland Clubs Complete Merger

Recently the Baltimore Philatelic Society unanimously accepted the decision of the Maryland Philatelic Society to merge with the former organization. This merger is the result of a desire on the part of the B.P.S. to offer all active stamp collectors in Baltimore a single, centralized organization for association, fellowship and knowledge in stamp collecting.

Thus, the board of directors, headed by C. Bennett Rose, president of the B.P.S., has moved another step forward toward the completion of its program of outstanding philatelic interest for the collectors of Baltimore. Already it has opened its membership to women; relocated at a more favorable location - the Mount Royal Building of the Maryland Institute of Art, and, established plans for a junior collectors group for those between 14 and 18 years of age.

In continuous operation since before 1889, the Baltimore Philatelic Society invites all active collectors to visit with its members in their new location, with their larger, more diversified group on any 2nd and 4th Friday evening of each month. Meetings begin informally at 8:00 p.m.

## CHEVREMONT (Continued from page 3)

Prior was released, but other Carmelites were held in his stead. The Brothers made temporary repairs to their church and recommenced their offices.

During the four years of warfare pilgrimages were at first interrupted, but gradually began again. On May 20, 1919 over 20,000 pilgrimages were made to Chevremont where Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Lamine under the portal of the church before an altar surmounted by the image of the Virgin.

Chevremont was destined to feel the impact of war once more. In May 1940 the hill became the target of artillery fire—a barrage much more intense than that in 1914. The damage was enormous. The east wall of the transept collapsed to the level of the organ

railing—the organ itself was completely destroyed. The vaulting of the nave and choir collapsed; all the windows were shattered to bits.

Of the Basilica's five altars hardly the tables were left. Shaken to its very foundations by the severity of the shelling, that portion of the church which still stood upright was so unstable that it had to be closed. Towards the close of the year 1944, while the Germans were in retreat, they looted their erratic "Buzz" bombs upon Liege. Some of these missiles landed on Chevremont, causing further damage to the monastery and retreat-house.

Through all this carnage the Chapel of the Virgin, as we have mentioned before, escaped damage save for broken windows, slates and tiles. Yet it is but a stone's throw from the Basilica which was utterly ruined. Perhaps this is the greatest of the Virgin's miracles?



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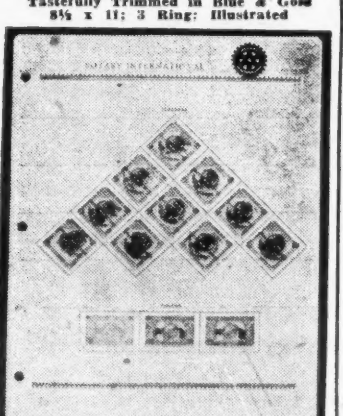
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aim for beautifully centered plate  
blocks, but not at the expense of  
losing sight of certain numbers and  
positions that may be most diffi-  
cult, or impossible to find.

Probably the greatest pleasure  
for many is the mounting method  
at which they arrive after long  
and careful planning. The one  
which will result in the neatest and  
most beautiful arrangement within  
their means. Still others get their  
thrill when any specific issue is  
completed, in all numbers and posi-  
tions. Until they do so, they keep  
plugging away, either at post of-  
fices, or trading with collectors, or  
obtaining them from their dealers.

The incentive to exhibit with  
pride, the progress and develop-  
ment of your collection, the keen  
rivalry among a friendly group of  
collectors, each trying to outshine  
the other, also contributes much to  
the spirited efforts in the building  
and maintaining of one. They may  
be other pet features that hold the  
greatest interest, but the above ap-  
pear most prominent in the plate  
number field. Many, of course, may  
have strong leanings to one or  
more of the above.

One other group should not be  
overlooked, and that is of those  
who cannot help but consider the  
investment angle of their plate  
blocks, in the near or distant fu-  
ture. These realize that being fully  
alert when every new issue comes  
out, at which time they are bought  
at the lowest price level available.

they justify this as being sufficient  
reason for investment and that  
some of the sets may go up in  
value. This may, or may not be  
so.

Personally, I feel that there are  
many features in plate block col-  
lecting that can be most fascinating  
and attractive, without the thought  
of investment, and as stated earlier  
(in another article), when the pur-  
suit of the plate block hobby and  
pastime is genuine and sincere, the  
serious collector is nobly rewarded  
without the thought of investment.  
By the same token, those whose  
interest in plate blocks is strictly  
investment (with rare exceptions)  
seldom get anywhere. They wind  
up with no collection and most of  
the time with a stack of plate  
blocks, which were calculated to  
bring them riches, and which must,  
sooner or later, be dumped at a  
loss.

Turning to those who feel the  
greatest satisfaction in obtaining  
plate blocks at face value, there it  
seems is a question of economics.  
If you were to tie into the cost of  
your plate blocks the amount of  
time, bother, and perhaps incon-  
veniences experienced you may  
wind up with a total that would sur-  
prise you.

Of course I do not have in mind  
those for whom time is no object,  
and who have more of that than  
they know what to do with; but I  
do not know many such collectors.  
The cases which have been most  
in my experience are numerous  
collectors who would gladly pay the  
few cents extra per plate block in  
order to save much of the time  
that they would otherwise have to  
spend. Especially when we con-  
sider centering the all important  
feature in plate blocks the collector  
has much to gain when he can  
trade time, by obtaining more de-  
sirable specimens through stamp  
dealers.

Of course no condition, nor any  
recommendation that may be given  
here would suit best any and every  
collector. The tastes, the views,  
the likes and dislikes are so many  
that no formula could be found  
which would be suitable and satis-  
factory to all.

Citing instances from extensive  
experiences may be of help to those  
who may like to know views and  
attitudes of other plate block col-  
lectors. Many are the reasons and  
the attractions for collecting plate  
blocks and plate singles. What is  
your reason and on what do you  
place greatest emphasis? If you  
care to write and tell me of your  
views, I will be glad to hear from  
you.

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August Conference

A session in the pleni-room of  
Finland's Riksdagshuset (Parlia-  
ment) will be seen in the design of  
a 25 markka commemorative to be  
issued by that nation August 25.



It marks the Interparliamentary  
Conference to be held in Helsinki,  
the nation's capital, from August  
15 to 31.

Martin Bostrom of Orebro, Swe-  
den advises that the printing will  
amount to one million copies.

Aarne Karjalainen prepared the  
design—the engraving is the work  
of B. Ekholm.

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be impressed on the prepared cov-  
ers of collectors have been an-  
nounced as available, or soon to be,  
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3c postage and containing a stuffer  
can be sent to the respective post-  
masters with a request for the slogan.  
Addressed postal cards can also  
be used for this purpose.

At Ellenville, N. Y., a sesquicen-  
tenial celebration merits attention  
from July 10 to August 31.

Another similar civic fete takes  
place at Athens, N. Y. for a six  
month period of use.

Onancock, Va., is 275 years old  
and states that fact on mail through  
its automatic cancelling machine  
until December 31.

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years of existence and will use a  
slogan until December 31.

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